WAKE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE

DESCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

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IN RE REINSTATEMENT PETITION OF

RICHARD S. POE

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

Richard S. Poe ("Poe"), pursuant to Section .0125 of Subchapter B of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar, submits the following Petition for Reinstatement of his license to practice law in the State of North Carolina:

- 1. Poe was licensed to practice law in North Carolina on August 22, 1981.
- 2. Poe surrendered his license and was disbarred pursuant to a Consent Order entered in Wake County Superior Court on June 30, 2010.
- 3. Poe has caused to be published in the Winter, 2015 edition of the North Carolina State Bar Journal a notice of his intent to seek reinstatement.
- 4. By letter dated December 10, 2015, the undersigned counsel notified the complainant in the disciplinary proceeding which led to Poe's disbarment of the notice to seek reinstatement.
- 5. Poe has reformed and presently possesses the moral qualifications required for admission to practice law in this State taking into account the gravity of the misconduct which resulted in the Order of Disbarment.
- 6. Permitting Poe to resume the practice of law within the State will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar, to the administration of justice, or to the public interest, taking into account the gravity of the misconduct which resulted in the Order of Disbarment.
- 7. Poe was never charged with or convicted of a criminal offense relating to the misconduct which resulted in the Order of Disbarment, and thus never lost his citizenship.
- 8. At the time of his disbarment, Poe properly wound down his law practice and complied with the provisions of Subchapter B, Section .0124 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Bar.

- 9. There were no applicable orders of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission or of the Council of the North Carolina State Bar relating to Poe's disbarment.
- 10. Poe has complied with the Consent Order of Disbarment entered in Wake County Superior Court.
- 11. Poe has not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law during the period of disbarment.
- 12. Poe understands the current Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 13. The Client Security Fund did not disburse any funds as a result of Poe's misconduct.
- 14. The Order of Disbarment did not make specific findings regarding the exact amounts of law firm funds misappropriated by Poe. Poe has, however, made full restitution to the law firm.
- 15. Poe has paid all dues, Client Security Fund assessments, and late fees owed to the North Carolina State Bar, as well as all attendee fees and late penalties due and owing to the Board of Continuing Legal Education at the time of his disbarment.
- 16. Poe has the competency and learning in the law required to practice law in this State.

Wherefore, Poe respectfully requests:

- 1. That a hearing be held before a Hearing Panel of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission to consider this Petition;
- 2. That the Hearing Panel recommend that his license to practice law be reinstated; and
- 3. That the Council of the North Carolina State Bar reinstate his license to practice law in this State.

This $9^{1/2}$ day of February, 2016.

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VERIFICATION

Richard S. Poe, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I am the Petitioner in the foregoing action; that I have read the foregoing document and know its contents to be true of my own knowledge except as to those matters and things alleged therein upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

This, the 2d day of February, 2016.

Richard S. Poe

Sworn to and subscribed to before me

this, the <u></u> day of <u>[[h/vay</u>, 2016

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